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Subject: Supporting energy efficiency and decoupling - SW Gas rate case #G-01551A-10-0458

I am a Southwest Gas customer and a long time Arizona resident.

Air and water quality are very important to me. Arizona has so many people with respiratory issues and I'm one of them. The true costs of energy include the health impacts of pollution and the cost of importing our energy, both in fuel costs and in the in-state jobs lost by not generating our own energy here.

I strongly urge you to support the adoption of both energy efficiency *and* decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (*PLUS* interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills UP and UP.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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